

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on April 6, 2005 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Holly Raser (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 66, 3/30/2005; SB 323,  
3/30/2005; SB 345, 3/30/2005

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 66****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18, opened the hearing  
on SB 66, Investment tax credit.

[EXHIBIT](#) (tah73a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:39 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:54 REP. LAKE  
00:18:18 REP. FACEY  
00:19:30 REP. WARDEN  
00:20:37 REP. PETERSON  
00:21:22 REP. COHENOUR  
00:22:46 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:46 SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R) closed the hearing on SB  
66.

**HEARING ON SB 323****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:36 SEN. JERRY BLACK (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on  
SB 323, Carryforward of contractor's gross  
receipts tax -- corporate income.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:17 Carl Schweitzer, representing American Sub  
Contractors Association  
00:31:31 Zach Pallister, President, American Sub  
Contractors Association President  
00:33:06 Gary Forrester, representing Montana Contractors  
Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:08 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:26 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

00:34:36 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

00:38:39 **REP. McALPIN**

00:39:21 **REP. LAKE**

00:41:01 **REP. ROSS**

00:42:29 **REP. BUTCHER**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:23 **SEN. JERRY BLACK (R)** closed the hearing on **SB 323**.

00:49:23 Break

01:02:02 Resume

**HEARING ON SB 345**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:14 **SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D), SD 12**, opened the hearing on **SB 345**, Revise tax increment financing district laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:09:24 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Development

01:14:11 David Nielsen, Helena City Attorney, speaking for the City of Helena

01:19:06 Paul Tuss, Past President, Montana Economic Developers Association, Havre

**EXHIBIT (tah73a02)** [Dick King, President, Montana Economic Developers Association via letter](#)

01:20:16 Jani McCall, representing City of Billings

01:22:20 Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

01:25:26 Chris Behan, Missoula Redevelopment Agency, Missoula

01:29:59 Joe Mazurek, representing City of Great Falls also speaking for Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:31:14 Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:33:40      **REP. LAKE**  
01:43:03      **REP. FACEY**  
01:46:26      **REP. COHENOUR**  
01:47:44      **REP. ROSS**  
01:48:52      **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:49:15      **SEN. JEFF MANGAN (D)** closed the hearing on **SB 345.**

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**ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS****Informational Session on TIF (Tax Incremental Financing)****Districts**

01:53:34      Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue  
01:57:16      **REP. SALES**  
01:57:41      **REP. PETERSON**  
01:58:10      **REP. WARDEN**  
01:59:25      **REP. PETERSON**  
02:00:12      Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic  
                 Development  
02:04:16      **REP. ROSS** \_\_\_\_\_  
02:10:09      **REP. PETERSON**  
02:15:46      **REP. HIMMELBERGER**  
02:19:18      **REP. PETERSON**  
02:20:22      **REP. RASER**  
02:23:40      Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue  
02:24:30      Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic  
                 Development  
  
02:25:39

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

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REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah73aad0.PDF](#))**